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## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **October 22, 2009**

A meeting of the Idaho Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) was held on this date at Gowen Field, Idaho Military Division, 4040 Guard St Boise ID 83705 Building 600 West Wing, Joint Conference Room, Basement. Vice-Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order. Attendees and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

### **Members Present:**

- Chair, R. Mark Lockwood, Idaho Chief's of Police Association
- Vice-Chair Sheriff Lorin Nielsen, Idaho Association of Sheriffs
- Steve Steiner, Deputy Director, Interoperable Communications
- William Shawver, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
- Joe Young, Idaho Association of Counties
- Michael Candelaria, United States Dept. of Interior
- Representative Marv Hagedon, Idaho Legislature
- Mark Wendelsdorf, Idaho Fire Chiefs Association
- Dia Gainor, Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare
- Jerry Goetz, Federal Law Enforcement
- Jon Heggen, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
- Greg Laragan, Idaho Transportation Dept.
- Jay Christensen, Idaho Dept. of Corrections
- Dean Hagerman, Idaho Military Division

### **Others Present:**

- Robert Feeley, Idaho BHS
- Ward Noland, Idaho BHS
- Gene Ramsey, Blaine County
- Char Nelson, Blaine County
- Lorraine Elfering, Canyon County SO
- Todd Herrera, Canyon County SO
- Lex Rutter, GeoComm
- Kirby Ortiz, Gem State Comm
- Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Management
- Captain Mike Sanders, Bannock County SO
- Mike Key – Idaho State Police

### **Welcome/Introductions**

Lorin Nielsen, SIEC Vice-Chair

## **Review & Approve June Minutes**

A Council member noticed that he was left off on the August 27, 2009 draft minutes.

**MOTION:** To approve August 27, 2009 draft minutes, as amended. Moved and seconded – the vote was unanimous.

## **Governance Subcommittee Update – District Governance Meetings - Joe Young, Chair**

Young reported to the council that the Governance Subcommittee has been working for nine months. All the districts have been set up, and have been met with. The regional meetings will start in January and February. In these meetings they will go through the documents of adopting the resolution, bylaws, and charter in how they are going to work together.

Representatives of each district reported how their district meetings went. All meetings went well.

There was a suggestion of using a different term than “governance” to describe the process. Steve Steiner suggested that until everything is set, the term should not be changed, but that it was suggested to use “Statewide Interoperable Communications Board” as a non-political way of describing it.

Vice-Chair Nielsen described an emergency incident in Pocatello to illustrate how the different agencies in his district were able to work together to respond quickly and efficiently.

## **Mark Lockwood, SIEC Chair enters the meeting.**

### **Chair Update – Mark Lockwood**

#### ***Interview with the Office for Emergency Communications***

Collier and Chair Lockwood had an interview with the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC). It was very apparent that they were questioning hard for information. Idaho was out front, and the OEC liked what the SIEC is doing. The OEC wondered what the next steps will be, which will be to begin operations. The OEC is eager to continue working with the SIEC.

#### ***FCC Request for Comment on Reallocation – SIEC Response***

Collier has put together a draft for the SIEC response on reallocation, concerning the D Block aspects. There are a lot of misconceptions. There was a meeting with the communications unit in the Senate to discuss how the SIEC is going to turn Land Mobile Radio (LMR) into the data side. There are some interesting points in the white paper, such as there currently no standards for that data block. The SIEC has a good working partnership, and the current chair of the FCC has a good understanding of things.

#### ***Production of Joint SCIP/ICAWIN***

One of topics discussed with the OEC was ICAWIN, and how it is a living document, how we came to design it, and what it means. The OEC asked what its connection to the SCIP was, and it couldn't be answered. They are not really joined together and the SIEC needs to discuss the aspect of bringing those two documents together. Chair Lockwood suggested assigning this to the Tech Committee to look at it.

### **Bureau of Homeland Security Update**

Colonel Bill Shawver reported that he gets the opportunity monthly to update the Governor on where the SIEC is at the Governor's cabinet meeting. Col. Shawver spends a lot of time highlighting what Commissioner Young and his subcommittee is doing with governance. There is very positive feedback coming from the cabinet level.

Col. Shawver reported that he is relooking at the grant allocation formula. Currently, the 75% of grant money is allocated by population. The formula that is used is a risk based formula because it doesn't consider critical infrastructure. It also doesn't account for seasonal surges. Reexamining the formula is going to be a laborious process to see if there might be better ways to do it. It is going to be a collaborative effort.

DHS has reiterated that grant dollars from DHS cannot be used for sustainment of systems beyond the year in which they were purchased. Col. Shawver feels that if it was significant enough for the systems to be funded with those dollars, it ought to be significant to sustain the system with those dollars. The National Governors Association wrote strongly worded letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security to change their policy.

There is a considerable movement to extend the length of the PSIC grant. There has not been any legislation passed yet, but it is possible that it would be extended.

Col. Shawver reported on the H1N1 condition in Idaho. Bannock County has declared an emergency, and has asked for the Governor's declaration in support of them.

The SIEC statute has a sunset on 31 December 2012. The governance model that is out there is growing, and is going to give the SIEC great points to come in with legislative action. Col. Shawver asked Chair Lockwood if he would consider putting together an exploratory committee to look at how SIEC ought to be formulated, formed, and memorialized in statute beyond December 31, 2012. Col. Shawver's council would be not to wait until the last legislative session to do it. There also ought to be some conversation with the Emergency Communications Commission.

### **Other Business – Open Comment Period**

Chair Lockwood reported that Mayor Larsen has resigned from the Council as well as from being Mayor. He chaired the Finance Committee, so there is a need for his replacement.

Chair Lockwood discussed forming a Strategic Planning Committee that would include Dia, Dean, Warren, Jerry, John Parker, Steve, and himself. They would utilize Melissa as staff support. The goal would be to have an overview to present to the SIEC in December, and refinement of that plan by January.

Adjourn

**Next Meeting – Thursday December 17, 2009, 0900-1200 Hrs NEW Location:** Idaho Military Division  
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Basement**